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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Bryan W. Shirk et al.  
Serial No. : 09/817,672  
Filed : March 26, 2001  
For : BIODEGRADABLE VEHICLE  
COMPONENTS  
Group Art Unit : 3611  
Examiner : Lee S. Lum  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4686-1  
Cleveland, OH 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests  
a three (3) month extension of the period for response to the  
Office Action mailed August 22, 2002. The response date set in  
the Office Action was November 22, 2002. A response is being  
filed herewith today, February 24, 2003, which is within the  
third month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in  
the amount of \$930.00, which is the fee for a three month  
extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for  
response be extended by three (3) months so that the response  
filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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